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## NICARAGUA - HONDURAS

## Negotiations

Nicaragua wants bilateral talks, while Honduras insists on regional approach.

23 March 1982: Honduran 6 point peace plan: arms reduction; reduction of foreign military advisors; end of arms trafficking; respect for international borders; international supervision of agreements; permanent multilateral dialogue.

April - Sept After the Foreign Ministers meet in Tegucigalpa in April, Nicaragua issues a series of invitations for high level meetings which the Hondurans decline.

16 Sept Mexican and Venezuelan Presidents invite Honduran and Nicaraguan heads of state to meet with them.

-- Hondurans decline, citing previous commitment and need for regional solutions.

-- Nicaragua accepts, and makes continued Honduran unwillingness to accept the offer a propaganda mainstay.

20 Sept Nicaraguan peace proposals presented informally to US Ambassador in Managua.

-- Dismantling of the anti-Sandinista camps.

-- Meeting of Honduran and Nicaraguan military chiefs.

-- Prohibition of military bases in the Gulf of Fonseca.

-- Voluntary repatriation of Miskito Indians.

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- Joint border patrols.
- Establishment of mixed border commission.
- 4 Oct San Jose Foreign Ministers meeting.
  - Attended by US and 7 others; Mexico and Venezuela decline invitation.
  - Endorses most elements of Honduran regional plan, and proposes an electoral institute.
  - Nicaragua not invited, and later denounces the initiative.
- 8 Oct Honduran and Nicaraguan Foreign ministers meet at UN while attending UN session.
- 12 Nov Honduran Foreign Minister Paz Barnica visits Managua.
  - Sandinistas express concern about border attacks by Nicaraguan exiles.
  - Paz deflects renewed Nicaraguan proposal for bilateral heads of state meeting by calling for additional lower level meetings first.